987.

COPIES of all Letters which have passed between the Court of Directors and Warren Hastings, Esquire, late Governor General of Bengal, relative to his Correspondence with Major Palmer and Major Davy, and other Correspondence, wholly or in Part withheld from the Company's Records.

To Warren Hastings, Esquire.

Sir,

I AM ordered by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, to desire that you will lay before them the Whole of the Correspondence, or authentic Copies thereof, which passed between you and the under-mentioned Persons, in your Official Capacity of Governor General of Bengal, or such Parts thereof as are not already upon the Company's Records:

The Nabob of Oude,
Hyder Beg Khân,
Alli Ibrahim Khân,
Major Palmer,
Major Davy,
Major Browne,
Mr. Bird,
Mr. David Anderson,
Lieutenant Anderson,
Mr. Markham,
Mr. Middleton,
Sir Elijah Impey.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) THOMAS MORTON,
Sec^r.

East India House,
the 21st March 1787.

To the Honourable Court of Directors of the Honourable United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies.

St. James's Place, 23d March 1787.

Honourable Sirs,

I have received a Letter from your Secretary, Mr. Morton, requiring me by your Order to lay before you the Whole of the Correspondence, or authentic Copies thereof, which passed between me and the Persons, whose Names were underwritten, in my Official Capacity of Governor General of Bengal, or such Parts thereof as are not already upon the Company's Records.

I am

I am not ſenſible that any Part of my Official Correſpondence, which either the Standing Orders of the Company, the Cuſtom of the Service, or the Nature of the Subjects comprized in it, has rendered it a neceſſary Duty to inſert on the Records of the Company, have been withheld from them.

For ſuch Parts of my Correſpondence with the Nabob of Owde, Hyder Beg Cawn, and Allee Ibrahim Cawn, as may anſwer that Deſcription, I have written to Captain Jonathan Scott, who acted, during the Year 1784, and Part of the Year 1783, as my Perſian Interpreter; and if it ſhall appear that any ſuch are in his Poſſeſſion, I will on the Receipt of them deliver them according to your Commands. I myſelf have none.

For the other Names, I have little remaining of my Correſpondence with the Gentlemen to whom they appertain; none, I can venture to ſay, which was of an Official Nature, as explained above, and not entered on your Records; with Sir Elijah Impey, and Mr. Bird, I never had, nor could have any Official Correſpondence. Major Palmer and Major Davy held no Offices which obliged me to be the Channel of communicating any Acts of theirs, either to the Council, or to your Honourable Court; nor were the other Gentlemen mentioned in your Secretary's Liſt ever ſubjected to my ſeparate Authority, unleſs on ſpecial Occaſions; ſuch, for Inſtance, as the Two Periods in which the Urgency of your Affairs called me to the diſtant Provinces in the Years 1781 and 1784; and of the Tranſactions of thoſe Periods your Honourable Court is in full Poſſeſſion of the whole Detail, and of my whole Correſpondence. Major Browne is indeed a more particular Exception, as he received with his Appointment Orders to correſpond with me alone; and the Whole of my Correſpondence with him was at Times laid before the Board, though of a conſiderable Part of it the Subſtance only was recorded.

I have the Honour to be, with great Reſpect,
Honourable Sirs,
Your moſt obedient, and
moſt humble Servant,
WARREN HASTINGS.

Sir,

I am ordered by the Court of Directors of the East India Company to deſire that you will lay before them the Whole of the Correſpondence, or authentic Copies thereof, which paſſed between you and Warren Haſtings, Eſquire, in your Official Capacity, as

(1.) Reſident at the Court of the Vizier,
(2.) Reſident at Benares,
(3.) Reſident at the Court of Madajee Scindia,
(4.) Mr. Haſtings's Agent at Delhi,

or ſuch Parts thereof as are not already upon the Company's Records.

I am,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) THOMAS MORTON,
Secry.

East India Houſe,
21ſt March 1787.

(1.) Nath[l] Middleton.
(2.) W. Markham.
(3.) David Anderſon.
(4.) Major Browne.

To Thomas Morton, Eſquire, Secretary to the Honourable the Court of Directors.

Sir,

I have had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 21ſt Inſtant, ſignifying the Commands of the Honourable the Court of Directors, that I ſhould lay before them the Whole of the Correſpondence, or authentic Copies thereof, which paſſed between Warren Haſtings, Eſquire, and myſelf, in my Official Capacity, as Reſident at the Court of the Vizier, or ſuch Parts thereof, as are not already on the Company's Records.

In Reply to this Requiſition, I beg Leave reſpectfully to inform the Honourable Court of Directors, that all my Correſpondence, in my Official Capacity, with Mr. Haſtings, the Council General, and others connected with my Department at Oude, of which I happened to poſſeſs any Copy, was, by an Order of the Honourable the Houſe of Commons, ſubmitted to the Inſpection of the Committee

mittee appointed for Inquiry into the Charges againſt Mr. Haſtings, in whoſe Cuſtody it hath hitherto remained; but whenever it may be returned to me I ſhall moſt chearfully furniſh Copy of the Whole, or any Part thereof, which may not be found on the Company's Records, being on this, and every other Occaſion, ready to yield a prompt Obedience to the Commands of the Honourable Court, and moſt anxiouſly deſirous of affording them every Information I am capable of.

I have the Honour to be, with Reſpect,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient,
Humble Servant,
NATHL MIDDLETON.

Harley Street,
23d March 1787.

Sir,

Be pleaſed to acquaint the Honourable the Court of Directors, that, according to the eſtabliſhed Rules of the Service, I delivered all Letters received in my Official Capacity to my Succeſſor, on my Recall from Benares, with the Book in which was entered the Copies of the Reſident's Correſpondence.

I am,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient,
Humble Servant,
WM MARKHAM.

South Audley Street,
March 23d 1787.

Sir,

I have had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 21ſt Inſtant, communicating to me the Order of the Honourable the Court of Directors to lay before them the Whole of the Correſpondence, or authentic Copies thereof, which paſſed between Warren Haſtings, Eſquire, and myſelf, in my Official Capacity, as Reſident at the Court of Mahajee Sindia, or ſuch Parts thereof as are not already upon Record. It is my Wiſh to obey, to the utmoſt of my Power, the Orders of the Honourable Court; but as my Correſpondence was very voluminous, and the Copies kept by me are interſperſed in Books containing other extraneous Letters and Papers, it will neceſſarily require a very long Time before the Whole can be ſelected and copied. To ſave therefore as much Time as poſſible, I beg Leave to ſuggeſt to you the Propriety of my furniſhing you with a Liſt of all the Correſpondence in my Poſſeſſion, in order that you may compare it with the Letters and Papers which are already on the Company's Records; and on your pointing out ſuch as are deficient, I ſhall get them tranſcribed, and ſhall ſend them to you as expeditiouſly as poſſible.

I have the Honour to be, with the greateſt Reſpect,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,
D. ANDERSON.

York Street, St. James's,
23d March 1787.

Thos Morton, Eſquire,
Secretary.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 23d Inſtant has been laid before the Court of Directors of the Eaſt India Company, who have directed me to deſire you will be pleaſed to furniſh them with a Liſt of all the Correſpondence in your Poſſeſſion, that it may be compared with the Letters and Papers which are entered upon the Company's Records.

I am, with Reſpect,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) THOMAS MORTON,
Secretary.

East India Houſe,
24th March 1787.

David Anderſon, Eſquire.

To the Honourable the Court of Directors for the Affairs of the Honourable United Eaſt India Company.

Honourable Sirs,

I have received through your Secretary your Commands of the 21ſt Inſtant, and beg Leave to inform you, in Reply, that I delivered to the Supreme Council in Bengal Copies of all the Correſpondence between Warren Haſtings, Eſquire, and myſelf, during the Time of my officiating as your Miniſter

Miniſter at the Court of Dehly, containing 129 Letters; and accompanied by an Appendix of 76 Papers, moſtly Tranſlations from the Perſian Language.—Theſe Papers were delivered to the Supreme Council the 6th of October 1785, and with them a Letter of that Date, addreſſed to your Honourable Court.

There is however One Paper, which did not accompany that Collection, from an Opinion that it would be ſuperfluous, as it was no more than an abſtracted Repetition of Matters diſcuſſed at large in the Correſpondence, deſigned to convey an Idea of the Character and Power of Sindia, at the Time of Mr. Haſtings leaving India.—This Paper I ſhall now prepare, and deliver to your Honourable Court, conformably to your Orders. With the greateſt Reſpect, I am,

Honourable Sirs,
Your moſt obedient
humble Servant,
JAMES BROWN.

Harley Street,
March 24, 1787.

The Honourable Court of Directors for the Affairs of the Honourable United East India Company.

Honourable Sirs,

I have now the Honour to enclose you the Paper mentioned in my Addreſs of the 24th Ultimo, and to ſubſcribe myſelf,

With the higheſt Reſpect,
Honourable Sirs,
Your moſt obedient
Humble Servant,
JAMES BROWN.

Harley Street,
April 2d 1787.

Honourable Sirs, St. James's Place, 3d April 1787.

Captain Jonathan Scott having, in Conſequence of my Application to him, brought to Town all the Papers of my Correſpondence with the Perſons mentioned in the Letter lately written to me by your Secretary, and having furniſhed me with Two Liſts of the ſame, I herewith tranſmit them both for your Inſpection.—If from a Compariſon of theſe with your own Records it ſhall appear that any Letters of either Liſt are not inſerted in the Official Copies of the Correſpondence, and you will be pleaſed to ſignify to me thoſe which are wanting, I will requeſt of Captain Scott that he will furniſh me with the ſame, that is to ſay, with Tranſlations of the Letters which were addreſſed to me, and with Tranſlations, or Copies of my Drafts, of the Letters which were written by me to the Perſons in Queſtion: Or he will wait upon your Honourable Court, if you ſhall prefer that Mode, and carry with him the original Letter, with the Books containing the Copies or Drafts of mine.

I have the Honour to be, with Reſpect,
Honourable Sirs,
Your moſt obedient
And moſt humble Servant,
WARREN HASTINGS.

To the Honourable Court
of Directors, &c. &c. &c.

LETTERS from the Nabob Vizier.

N° 1. Complains of Mr. Briſtow's confining Ein ud Dien.
2. Requeſts Mr. Briſtow's Recall, and Major Palmer's Appointment.
3. Complains of Mr. Briſtow's ill-treating the Aumils.
4. Thanks Mr. Haſtings for Mr. Briſtow's Recall.
5. Invites Mr. Haſtings to Lucknow.
6. Requeſts Mr. Haſtings to order Mr. Briſtow to ſettle his Accounts.
7. Informs that Merchants agree to ſecure the Company's Debt.
8. Complains of Iſmael Beg's leaving Lucknow without Leave.
9. Requeſts Mr. Haſtings to accept ſome Perſian Fruits.
10. Complains of Iſmael Beg's leaving Lucknow.
11. Deſires to entertain the Company's diſcharged Regiments.
12. Refuſes his Brother's Requeſt to ſee his Mother.
13. Informs that Mr. Briſtow did not conſult him about ſtationing the Candahar Cavalry at Cawnpore and Futtyghur.
14. Deſires Dr. Blaine may ſucceed Mr. Thomas at Lucknow.
15. Deſires the Reduction of Part of Saadit Ali's Stipend.
16. Requeſts Hawks and other Birds.
17. Expreſſes Thanks for Mr. Haſtings's Conduct at Lucknow.

18. Congratulates

18. Congratulates Mr. Haſtings on his Arrival at Calcutta.
19. Congratulates Mr. Haſtings on favourable News from Europe.
20. Informs of his being ill.
21. Informs of his Recovery.
22. Expreſſes his Agreement with the Prince.
23. Contains News from Dhely.
24. News from Dhely.
25. News from Dhely.
26. Expreſſes his Agreement with the Prince.
27. Informs he has requeſted Fyzoola Cawn to ſend a confidential Perſon and Troops to the Prince.
28. Expreſſes ſome Doubts of Scindia's Friendſhip.
29. Informs he is going to Barech with the Prince.
30. Requeſts Mr. Haſtings will not leave India.

LETTERS from Hyder Beg.

N° 1. Concerning Exchange of Rupees, which Mr. Briſtow had rated too high.
2. Thanks Mr. Haſtings for a Khelaut given to Hoſsⁿ R. Khan.
3. Congratulates Mr. Haſtings upon his Arrival at Calcutta.
4. Congratulates Mr. H. on his Arrival at Calcutta.
5. Congratulates on favourable News from Europe.
6. Is glad to hear Mr. H.'s Return to Europe is not fixed.
7. Complimentary Wiſhes for Health.
8. Informs that Burelly Rice will be ſent to the Prince.
9. Requeſts Mr. H. will not return to Europe.
10. Requeſts Mr. H. will not go to Europe.
11. Begs he will defer his Departure.
12. To the ſame Effect as N° 11.
13. To the ſame Effect as the laſt.

Two Letters from Ali Ibrahim Khan, mentioning the Arrival of Lewajee Eetul, of Benares, and the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants with his Proceedings.

LETTERS from Mr. Haſtings to Nabob Vizier.

N° 1.√Informs him, that he has referred his Requeſt, to entertain the Company's diſcharged Battalions, to the Council.
2. Informs him, that the Prince deſires to viſit Bareech.
3. Deſires he will appoint whom he pleaſes to the Battalions he means to give the Prince as an Eſcort.
4.√Informs him, that he has ordered Major Palmer to communicate ſome Points to him.
5.√Informs him, that the Prince wiſhes he would requeſt Fyzoola Khân to ſend him ſome Troops under a confidential Perſon, or one of his Sons.
6.√Informs him, that he is obliged to return ſuddenly to Calcutta, owing to Mr. Wheler's Death.
7.√Deſires him to defer his Operations againſt the Fort of Saſſnee for the preſent.
8. Deſires he will make what Agreement he chuſes with the Prince.
9. Deſires he will act as he chuſes, in reſpect to Captain Frith's commanding Battalions in his Service.
10.√Deſires he will excuſe himſelf from going to Delhy.
11.√Condolance on his Illneſs.
12.√Congratulations on Recovery.

Only 1.√Three Letters, informing him of his going to Europe.

LETTERS from Mr. Haſtings to Hyder Beg.

N° 1.√Regulates the Exchange of Money iſſued to the Troops.
2. Expreſſes his Pleaſure at the Vizier's Behaviour to the Prince.
3.√Is glad to hear that the Settlement of the Vizier's Country is likely to anſwer.
4. Deſires the Exchange on Money, agreed at Lucknow, may be continued.

Only 1.√Three Letters, informing of his Departure for Europe.
A Letter to Ali Ibrahim Khân, to the ſame Effect.

To Warren Haſtings, Eſquire.

Sir,

I have it in Command from the Court of Directors of the East India Company, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of Yeſterday's Date, with the Two Liſts herewith returned, and to requeſt you will furniſh them as ſoon as poſſible with Copies of ſuch Letters in the ſaid Liſts, as are not marked thus, ✓; alſo with the Dates of the Whole.

I am, Sir,
Your moſt obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) THOS MORTON,
Secry.

East India Houſe,
4th April 1787.

Sir,

India Houſe, 14th April 1787.

I have received, by the Poſt this Morning, from my Brother Captain Jonathan Scott, the accompanying Tranſlations of Perſian Letters, which, together with his Letter to me, and the Liſts, I have now the Honour to encloſe to you.

Mr. Haſtings is in the Country, and does not return to Town, I believe, until Tueſday or Wedneſday; but as I knew it was his earneſt Deſire to tranſmit theſe Tranſlations to the Honourable the Court of Directors the Moment he received them, and as they came under Cover to me, I have taken upon myſelf to deliver them, without any Delay, to you.

My Brother came from Shrewſbury about a Fortnight ago, by the Deſire of Mr. Haſtings; but the Illneſs of a near Relation obliged him to return ſuddenly, or the Letters would have been ready earlier.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your moſt obedient and faithful Servant,
(Signed) JOHN SCOTT.

J. Motteux, Eſquire,
Chairman to the Honourable the Court
of Directors.

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